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- ☐ 1. In late September there were no aircraft or anti-aircraft guns at Hungjao and Kiangwan Airfields.
2. During late September searchlight beams projected nightly in the sky over all Shanghai areas. More searchlights were in the Kiangwan docks area than in any other area of Shanghai.
3. On 28 September, general air defense measures were discussed at an air defense meeting held at the air defense headquarters, Shanghai. It was said at this meeting that Shanghai residents could not be warned of approaching enemy planes because they are "faster than sound." In the event of an air raid, Chinese Communist planes in the Shanghai area would be unable to cope with enemy planes, because they cannot reach the same high altitudes.
4. On 29 September large scale air defense exercises, with approximately 100 planes participating, were held over Shanghai.
5. During late September all cement produced in Shanghai was being purchased by the municipal government, which used most of it for constructing air defense shelters in that area.
6. In late September Chinese Communist planes, coming from the direction of the Yangchow Bay area and from the direction of Ch'ungming (121-26, 31-38), were flying daily over the Shanghai area.

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- ☐ 7. On 12 October 25 jet fighters and 3 bombers held air defense exercises over the Hankow area under the supervision of LI Hung-ch'ang (李洪昌), deputy director of the Central and South China Air Command at Hankow. Since early September similar exercises have been held at least once a week in the Hankow area.

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8. In mid-October 25 jet fighters, 9 Japanese bombers, and 3 transports were based at the Hankow Airfield.

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9. By late September the Tsingtao Peoples' Air Defense Committee, in cooperation with the Tsingtao Garrison Command and the Tsingtao Public Security Bureau, completed construction of air raid shelters in important areas in Tsingtao. All residents of Tsingtao, on orders from Tsingtao authorities, were placing sandbags against the walls of their homes and obtaining water buckets for use during air raids. Medical personnel were giving first-aid training to large numbers of residents. Students, supervised by Public Security personnel, were publicizing the importance of air defense measures throughout Tsingtao. According to the public announcements of Tsingtao authorities, these precautionary measures were taken in anticipation of possible air raids by the Nationalists and the United States planes.

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